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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, the County of Hillsborough in said State, Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the town house in said Bedford on Tuesday, the ninth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE I. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. II. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

ART. III. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of the poor, repairs of roads and bridges, for Memorial Day, and for any other necessary expenses of the town.

ART. IV. To see if the town will vote to allow a discount on taxes; if so, fix the time and rate.

ART. V. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate fifteen dollars for the care of the clock on the church.

ART. VI. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars for the care of the new cemetery.

ART. VII. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to hire money if needed.

ART. VIII. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of money necessary to secure state aid for the permanent improvement of highways, under the law passed at the January session, 1905.

ART. IX. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for maintaining the electric lights for the ensuing year.

ART. X. To see if the town will vote to allow the claim of Frank D. Horne for the loss of his horse by breaking its leg on defective highway.

ART. XI. To see if the town wishes to take any action in regard to repairing highways.

ART. XII. To see if the town wishes to adjust by vote, the salaries of the town officers.

ART. XIII. To see if the town will vote to buy the bond of the town treasurer.

ART. XIV. To see if the town will vote to equip the town hall with electric lights, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. XV. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of one hundred dollars from the estate of Gilman H. Moore; the income to be used for the care of lot in cemetery.

ART. XVI. To see if the town will vote to accept the sum of one hundred dollars from the estate of Mary E. Parker; the income to be used for the care of lot in cemetery.

ART. XVII. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, and all other officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto, and transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 20th day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifteen.

FRANK E. MANNING,
FRANK R. ESTABROOK,
PERHAM PARKER,

Selectmen of Bedford.

A true copy. Attest:

FRANK E. MANNING,
FRANK R. ESTABROOK,
PERHAM PARKER,

Selectmen of Bedford.

REPORT STATE TAX COMMISSION 1914.

INCREASE IN PUBLIC EXPENDITURES.

No power has constituted the members of the tax commission guardians of the public in respect to expenditures for the support of government, and they have no disposition to assume that role. Nevertheless, "economy being a most essential virtue in all states," and it being "the duty of legislators and magistrates * * * to countenance and inculcate the principles of * * * economy," all as set forth in the constitution of this state, the commissioners believe themselves to be amply justified in urging, as they have so often urged before, the importance of this subject upon the voters of the state. The public revenue, state and municipal, is the voters' business, and they are responsible, directly or indirectly, for every extravagance affecting it from the inception to the termination of the fund.

Every compulsory contribution levied by public authority upon people or property is in the broad sense of the term a tax, nor is it made less obnoxious or burdensome if called a fee or a fine. In the figures that follow therefore, all fees, fines, and other exactions, if any, are included with the taxes upon polls and estates. To illustrate the comparative importance of the two classes, it may be said that the taxes upon polls and estates represent about 95 per cent and all other income about 5 per cent of the total revenue of the state, and of the counties, cities, towns, districts and precincts therein.

Taxes as defined above have increased by leaps and bounds in recent years. In 1903 the sum of all the taxes assessed by and within the state of New Hampshire was

\$5,373,420.22; in 1913 it was \$8,765,039.07, an increase of \$3,391,618.85, or 63 per cent., in ten years. But these figures do not adequately represent the velocity the upward movement has now attained. To show that it is necessary to divide the ten-year period: The levy in 1908 was \$924,388.79, or 17 per cent. greater than in 1903, while that in 1913 was \$2,467,230.06, or 39 per cent. greater than in 1908. By so much did the advance in the last half of said period exceed that in the first half. These figures will be the more alarming if it is remembered that while taxes already sufficiently heavy were advancing 63 per cent., the population of the state increased only about $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., and while the one was advancing 39 per cent., the other increased only about $2\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.

It is instructive to study the subject from another angle. In the ten years from 1904 to 1914, both inclusive, the annual increase in all taxes defined and limited as above was as follows:

1904	\$34,459.91.
1905	286,590.14
1906	115,468.39
1907	411,257.46
1908	76,612.89
1909	539,995.97
1910	787,565.31
1911	215,848.50
1912	296,216.85
1913	627,603.43

The average yearly increase for the whole period was \$336,561.85. The upward trend is more plainly shown, however, by dividing, as before, the ten-year period in the middle and considering the halves separately. For the first five years the average annual increase was \$184,877.76; for the last five years it was \$493,446.01. It is surely pertinent to consider how long the little state of New Hampshire, almost stationary in wealth, can sustain a tax

already burdensome and increasing at the rate of practically half a million dollars a year without crippling her industries and impoverishing her people. Plainly it is a condition not calculated to attract capital from without the state or to encourage business within the same.

From the *per capita* standpoint the situation is not less disturbing. In 1903 there were assessed \$12.88 in taxes for each man, woman and child in the state. Five years later there were assessed \$14.75 for each individual, and in five years more \$20.09. If in 1913 taxes had been equally distributed among all the people it would have meant a burden of \$100 for each family of five members. Though in reality there was little such equality in the assessment there was much in the payment. The fact is that those who occupy, use or consume property, no matter who owns it, are those who in the last analysis pay most, if not all, of the taxes thereon. If the wage earner or the man of limited means understood he was in reality paying something like \$100 a year in state and municipal and half as much more in federal taxes for the government of himself, his wife and three children his influence and his vote would more frequently make for economy in appropriations and expenditures than heretofore.

No statistics for the year 1914 appear in the above paragraphs for the reason that they are not yet at hand except in part.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

To February 15, 1915.

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES.

1914.

Mar.	17.	Paid Perham Parker for services as first selectman for 1913.....	\$140.00
		Paid Frank E. Manning for services as second selectman for 1913....	150.00
		Paid Frank R. Estabrook for services as third selectman for 1913..	125.00
Apr.	14.	Paid Rodney F. Rollins for services as moderator, March 12, 1914...	3.00
		Paid Fred A. French for services as town clerk for 1913.....	50.00
May	1.	Paid E. W. Stevens' estate for his services as moderator for 1913 ..	3.00
		Paid William Melendy for services as auditor for 1912 and 1913....	4.00
June	1.	Paid George F. Barnard, collecting taxes, 1913.....	125.00
Aug.	1.	Paid Samuel H. Ray, services as constable to July 22, 1914.....	62.10
Oct.	1.	Paid Rodney F. Rollins, services as moderator Sept. 1, 1914.....	5.00
		Paid George H. Hardy, special police Sept. 1, 1914.....	5.00
Dec.	1.	Paid George F. Shepard, services as police at primary and November election, 1914	10.00

Dec.	1.	Paid George H. Hardy, services as police at November election....	\$5.00
		Paid Ira Barr, services at primary Sept. 1, 1914.....	5.00
		Paid George D. Soper, services at primary September 1, and November election, 1914.....	10.00
		Paid William Melendy, services at primary September 1 and November election, 1914.....	10.00
		Paid Rodney F. Rollins, services as moderator November 3	5.00
		Paid Edmund B. Hull, services as supervisor for 1913 and 1914...	34.00
Feb.	1.	Paid Arthur N. Hodgman, services ballot clerk, 1914.....	5.00
	13.	Paid Frank S. Crowell for services as supervisor for 1913 and 1914..	24.00
	15.	Paid John F. Young, for services as supervisor for 1913 and 1914 and writing five checklists.....	24.00 5.00
		Paid E. R. French for services as town treasurer, 1913.....	40.00
			<hr/> \$549.10

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

1914.			
Mar.	12.	Paid Charles I. Coburn, picking brown-tail moths	\$14.10
		Paid Quincy Barnard, care of clock	15.00
		Paid John B. Clarke Co., printing town reports	66.00
	25.	Paid Joseph Bruette, for 40 ties at 20c.	8.00
Apr.	15.	Paid John B. Lodge, for machine for lifting the piano.....	54.00

Apr.	16.	Paid John H. Stevens, for labor on sink and pipe	\$2.55
		Paid George F. Barnard, services as janitor of Town Hall.....	100.00
May	1.	Paid J. H. Putnam, picking moth nests	2.60
	15.	Paid Goodroads Machinery Co., for two edges for road machine.....	17.00
June	1.	Paid C. B. Littlefield, for 8 Alert Fire Extinguishers and 12 bottles with rubber stoppers.....	49.50
		Paid George H. Hardy, spraying trees	1.50
		Paid C. Thompson, cleaning clock.	2.00
		Paid John F. Young, writing eleven checklists	11.00
		Paid George F. Barnard, four dozen plates	2.16
		Paid Dr. Jos. Taylor for recording births and deaths	3.25
		Paid Charles H. Grant, taking Mrs. Lucy Campbell to Grasmere....	2.50
July	1.	Paid John B. Varick Co., for 112 pounds carbonate of soda and 190 pounds Sulph. acid.....	7.72
		Paid North East Metal Culvert Co., for 28 feet of culvert pipe.....	19.25
		Paid F. E. Manning, postage and freight on pipe	2.43
		Paid C. D. Taffe, damage to horse on defective culvert.....	32.75
Aug.	1.	Paid Temple & Farrington for tax book	1.75
		Paid James Murphy, painting sign boards	1.00
		Paid Bessie Russell, for taking Mrs. Currier to County farm...	1.50

Aug.	6.	Paid Amoskeag Nat. Bank, interest on note	\$116.00
Sept.	1.	Paid H. E. Webber, interest on note	25.00
		Paid F. E. Manning, curtains for voting booths	3.12
		Paid C. P. Farley, rebuilding voting booths	10.00
	25.	Paid North East Metal Culvert Co., for 30 feet of culvert pipe.....	18.00
Nov.	2.	Paid Celibert Maynard, use of watering trough for 1914.....	3.00
1915.			
Jan.	1.	Paid Perham Parker, lumber for scraper	3.15
		Paid John H. Parkhurst, 2 cords of wood	10.00
		Paid West Side Lumber Co., 840 ft. of railing	22.50
	5.	Paid J. N. DesGroseilliers, use of watering trough	3.00
Feb.	1.	Paid Edmund R. Angell, repairing gas tank	2.00
		Paid George F. Barnard, 1100 lbs. carbide and freight	42.55
		Paid George F. Barnard, cleaning common for Children's day.....	1.75
		Paid Albert C. Hodgman, one cord of wood	6.50
	5.	Paid Amoskeag National Bank, interest on note	112.50
	13.	Paid Perham Parker, postage and telephone tolls	3.35
		Paid Charles D. Barnard, legal advice	2.00
		Paid Perham Parker, 10 cords wood at \$5.50 per cord.....	55.00

Feb. 15.	Paid F. E. Manning, telephone tolls, aid to transients and postage....	\$7.16
	Paid Charles P. Woodbury, for fu- migating	7.75
	Paid Fred A. French, supplies for town	7.35
	Paid Fred A. French, recording births, marriages and deaths....	15.00
	Paid Fred A. French, care of scales	20.00
	Paid Geo. F. Barnard, supplies for Town Hall	4.09
	Paid H. E. Loveren, legal advice..	15.00
	Paid E. R. French, for bond.....	15.00
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		\$948.33

HIGHWAY EXPENSES.

1914.

Mar. 12.	Paid Frank D. Holbrook, labor on cul- vert	\$5.00
	Paid Omer Pepin, labor on highway..	15.92
April 24.	Paid Lyman M. Kinson, labor on highway	60.00
May 1.	Paid George P. Tarr, labor on highway	18.50
	Paid Lyman M. Kinson, labor on high- way and money paid out.....	120.60
9.	Paid Lyman M. Kinson, labor on high- way and money paid out.....	114.00
15.	Paid George P. Tarr, labor on high- way and money paid out.....	154.60
23.	Paid Lyman M. Kinson, labor on high- way and money paid out.....	126.00
29.	Paid Lyman M. Kinson, labor on high- way and money paid out.....	106.26
June 1.	Paid George P. Tarr, labor on high- way and money paid out.....	80.00
	Paid John M. Hodgman, labor on highway on money paid out.....	64.58

June	5.	Paid Lyman M. Kinson, labor on highway and money paid out.....	\$101.75
	13.	Paid Lyman M. Kinson, labor on highway and money paid out.....	68.00
	20.	Paid Lyman M. Kinson, labor on highway and money paid out.....	103.70
	27.	Paid Lyman M. Kinson, labor on highway and money paid out.....	59.73
	30.	Paid George F. Shepard, labor on highway	5.65
July	1.	Paid J. B. Gamache, labor on highway	11.60
		Paid George H. Wiggin, labor on highway	23.00
		Paid George P. Tarr, labor on highway	18.40
		Paid H. L. and H. W. Peaslee, labor on highway	5.95
		Paid F. E. Manning, cutting bushes..	2.25
		Paid Omer Pepin, labor on highway and money paid out.....	52.37
Aug.	1.	Paid Seth P. Campbell, labor on highway	4.02
		Paid F. S. Sargent, labor on highway and money paid out.....	206.25
		Paid Arthur P. Fosher, labor on highway	18.25
	8.	Paid Arthur P. Fosher, labor on highway	9.00
	16.	Paid Arthur P. Fosher, labor on highway	21.50
		Paid Seth P. Campbell, cutting bushes	7.00
	22.	Paid Lyman M. Kinson, labor on highway	17.50
	29.	Paid Lyman M. Kinson, labor on highway	14.00
		Paid Seth P. Campbell, cutting bushes	9.17
Sept.	1.	Paid L. A. Dwire, filling washout....	10.50
		Paid George P. Tarr, labor on highway and money paid out.....	83.39

Sept.	12.	Paid Lyman M. Kinson, labor on highway	\$21.25
		Paid A. E. Campbell, cutting bushes..	7.00
		Paid Seth P. Campbell, cutting bushes	5.80
	26.	Paid Lyman M. Kinson, cutting bushes	28.00
		Paid A. E. Campbell, cutting bushes	10.50
Oct.	1.	Paid Seth P. Campbell, cutting bushes	4.00
		Paid Arthur Gault, labor on highway	6.25
		Paid Alfred Hamel, cutting bushes and repairing culvert.....	8.00
		Paid George P. Tarr, labor on highway	23.58
	16.	Paid Lyman M. Kinson, labor on highway	23.00
Nov.	3.	Paid John M. Hodgman, labor on highway	72.67
	6.	Paid Lyman M. Kinson, labor on highway	39.65
	20.	Paid Lyman M. Kinson, labor on highway	27.60
Dec.	1.	Paid Fred S. Sargent, labor on highway	66.25
		Paid J. B. Gamache, labor on highway	4.38
		Paid George P. Tarr, labor on highway	6.60
		Paid Lyman M. Kinson, labor on highway and money paid out.....	43.62
1915.			
Jan.	1.	Paid P. H. Putnam, labor on highway	4.20
Feb.	1.	Paid J. B. Gamache, labor on highway	9.98
		Paid George H. Wiggin, labor on highway	36.70
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			\$2,167.47

SNOW BILLS.

1914. Paid:			
Mar.	12.	George P. Farr, breaking roads.....	\$116.10

Mar.	12.	Fred S. Sargent, breaking roads and money paid out	\$14.68
		John Seitz, breaking roads.....	5.00
		William Chesbro, breaking roads...	7.27
		W. S. Manning, breaking roads.....	11.13
		Harrison Campbell, breaking roads and boney paid out	26.80
		Lyman M. Kinson, breaking roads and money paid out	48.05
		John B. Gamache, breaking roads..	21.10
		William W. Dickey, breaking roads..	9.10
		George H. Hardy, breaking roads...	8.30
		John H. Parkhurst, breaking roads..	25.00
		Omer Pepin, breaking roads.....	72.00
Mar.	17.	William Currie, breaking roads.....	14.00
	25.	Iru M. Waite, breaking roads.....	27.05
		Percy A. Scott, breaking roads.....	8.60
		Emerson Campbell, shoveling snow..	3.15
		Louis A. Faucher, breaking roads...	15.00
Apr.	14.	Louis Welch, shoveling snow.....	1.00
		Julius H. Putnam, breaking roads..	2.55
June	1.	John F. Young, breaking roads....	3.85
		John M. Hodgman, breaking roads..	37.80
		B. W. Nichols, breaking roads.....	17.90
July	1.	George H. Wiggin, breaking roads..	10.50
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			565.93

MAINTENANCE OF STATE HIGHWAY ON RIVER ROAD.

1914. Paid:

June	15.	New England Contracting Co. the amount raised by the town.....	\$1,500.00
State disbursements			\$5,739.12
Balance in state treasury			\$183.20
Balance in town treasury .....			.02

MAINTENANCE OF STATE HIGHWAY ON PLAINS.

1914. Paid:

Oct. 22.	George A. Woods, maintenance money	\$300.00
	By state	340.63
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		\$640.63
	For work week ending	
	Oct. 17	\$311.01
	For work week ending	
	Oct. 24	321.24
	Engineer and inspector ..	7.38
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		639.63
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	Balance in state treasury	\$1.00

BUILDING STATE AID ROAD, 1914.

(George A. Woods, foreman.)

Paid:

Sept. 25.	George A. Woods, labor on state aid road	\$600.00
Oct. 1.	George A. Woods, labor on state aid road	600.00
Oct. 13.	George A. Woods, labor on state aid road	250.00
Oct. 30.	George A. Woods, labor on state aid road	100.00
Nov. 4.	George A. Woods, labor on state aid road	200.00
Nov. 6.	John C. Bickford, rent of land.....	4.00
	Fred S. Sargent, 67 loads of clay...	6.70
	Gordon Woodbury, 1000 loads gravel at 8 cents	80.00
	Manchester Water-Works for water..	12.80
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	By town	\$1,853.50
	By state	387.44
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		\$2,240.94

Received from the state.....	\$200.00	
Received from G. A. Woods	19.13	
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		\$219.13
Total cost	\$2,021.81	

WORK ON STATE AID ROAD.

(Itemized Statement.)

(Week ending September 26, 1914.)

F. Carroll and team, 1 1-9 days @ \$4.50.....	\$5.00
E. L. Connor and team, 4 days @ \$4.50.....	18.00
W. A. Gault and team, 5 days @ \$4.50.....	22.50
W. E. Chesbro and team, 5 days @ \$4.50.....	22.50
A. P. Fosher and team, 4 5 1/2-9 days @ \$4.50..	20.75
W. B. French and team, 4 days @ \$4.50.....	18.00
Charles Grant and team, 4 days @ \$4.50.....	18.00
Charles Busiell and team, 4 days @ \$4.50.....	18.00
John Quaide and team, 3 days @ \$4.50.....	13.50
Will Currie and team, 3 days @ \$4.50.....	13.50
J. P. Goodrich, roller man, 4 days @ \$3.00....	12.00
Italians	148.67
Geo. A. Woods, 6 days' expenses.....	42.50
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	\$372.92

(Week ending October 3, 1914.)

E. L. Connor and team, 4 days @ \$4.50.....	\$18.00
W. A. Gault and team, 6 days @ \$4.50.....	27.00
W. E. Chesboro and team, 4 days @ \$4.50.....	18.00
A. P. Fosher and team, 6 days @ \$4.50.....	27.00
W. B. French and team, 5 5-6 days @ \$4.50...	26.25
Charles Grant and team, 6 days @ \$4.50.....	27.00
Charles Busiell and team, 4 days @ \$4.50.....	18.00
John Quaide and team, 3 days @ \$4.50.....	13.50

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Will Currie and team, 4 days @ \$4.50.....	\$18.00
C. J. Colburn and team, 4 days @ \$4.50.....	18.00
J. P. Goodrich, roller man, 6 days @ \$3.00....	18.00
A. E. Porter and team, 2 days @ \$4.50.....	9.00
Moore & Preston, coal	13.50
Italians	144.33
Geo. A. Woods, time and expenses.....	41.30

\$436.88

(Week ending October 10, 1914.)

E. L. Connor and team, 5 days @ \$4.50.....	\$22.50
W. A. Gault and team, 6 days @ \$4.50.....	27.00
A. P. Fosher and team, 5 5-9 days @ \$4.50....	25.00
W. B. French and team, 6 days @ \$4.50.....	27.00
Charles Grant and team, 6 days @ \$4.50.....	27.00
Charles Busiell and team, 4 4-9 days @ \$4.50..	20.00
John Quaide and team, 6 days @ \$4.50.....	27.00
Will Currie and team, 6 days @ \$4.50.....	27.00
E. A. Porter and team, 4 4-9 days @ \$4.50....	20.00
J. P. Goodrich, roller man, 6 days @ \$3.00....	18.00
Benj. J. Mack, coal.....	13.63
Italians	143.88
Geo. A. Woods, time and expenses.....	45.55

\$443.56

(Week ending October 24, 1914.)

W. A. Gault and team, 2 days @ \$4.50.....	\$9.00
A. P. Fosher and team, 2 days @ \$4.50.....	9.00
W. B. French and team, 2 days @ \$4.50.....	9.00
Charles Grant and team, 2 days @ \$4.50.....	9.00
Charles Busiell and team, 1 5-9 days @ \$4.50..	7.00
John Quaide and team, 2 days @ \$4.50.....	9.00
Will Currie and team, 1 day @ \$4.50.....	4.50
E. A. Porter and team, 2 days @ \$4.50.....	9.00
C. J. Colburn and team, 2 days @ \$4.50.....	9.00

George Boynton and team, 2 days @ \$4.50	\$9.00
J. P. Goodrich, roller man, 2 days @ \$3.00	6.00
W. B. French, 90 loads stone	9.00
Mrs. F. R. French, 52 loads stone	5.20
Italians	41.00
George A. Woods, foreman, time and expenses . .	20.58
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	\$165.28

(Week ending October 31, 1914.)

W. A. Gault and team	2 days
A. P. Fosher and team	2 days
Charles Grant and team	2 days
E. A. Porter and team	2 days
John Quaide and team	3½ days
W. B. French and team	2 days
F. E. Manning and team	1 day
G. H. Wiggin and team	2 days
F. A. French and team	1 day
H. Peaslee and team	2 days
W. E. Burleigh and team	2 days
Fred Holbrook and team	1 day
George Shepard and team	½ day
E. R. French and team	1 day
Perham Parker and team	1 day
Will Currie and team	2 days
E. L. Connor and team	2 days
Charles Busiell and team	2 days
J. W. Hill and team	1 day
Italians	\$123.00
J. P. Goodrich, roller man, 6 days @ \$3.00	18.00
Manchester Water Works	13.30
Oil bills	5.55
B. J. Mack, coal	8.63
George A. Woods, time and expenses	39.74
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	\$208.22

(Week ending November 7, 1914.)

W. S. Manning and team.....	1	day	
George Spencer and team.....	2	days	
——— Kinson and team	2	days	
F. D. George and team.....	1	day	
George Gookin and team.....	1	day	
F. R. Estabrook and team.....	1	day	
George A. Woods and team.....	1	day	
Quincy Barnard and team.....	1	day	
John Parkhurst and team.....	1	day	
Irving French and team.....	1/2	day	
John Quaide and team.....	1/2	day	
W. B. French and team.....	1/2	day	
F. Crowell, 110 loads gravel.			
Italians			\$42.24
J. P. Goodrich, roller man, 4 days @ \$3.00....			12.00
A. P. Fosher and team, 2 days @ \$4.50.....			9.00
John Quaide and team, 1/2 day @ \$4.50.....			2.25
George A. Woods, time and expenses.....			25.26
Gordon Woodbury, 1000 loads gravel.....			80.00
Fred S. Sargent, 67 loads clay.....			6.70
Rent of land for Italians' camp.....			4.00
Manchester Water-Works			12.80
Town Hopkinton, roller, 25 days @ \$7.00.....			175.00
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			\$369.25

ACCOUNT OF FIRE WARDEN.

1914.

May	1.	Paid George H. Hardy, fighting fire..	\$18.12
June	1.	Paid George H. Hardy, fighting fire..	26.80
Oct.	1.	Paid George H. Hardy, fighting fire..	81.15
Nov.	2.	Paid George H. Hardy, fighting fire..	125.20
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			\$251.27

PUBLIC LIBRARY EXPENSES.

1914.

July	1.	Paid Wm. B. French, library money..	\$90.36
Feb.	1.	Paid William B. French, interest on Chandler fund.....	24.50
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			\$114.86

PAINTING TOWN HALL.

1914.

July	1.	Paid John Seitz, Jr., painting hall..	\$100.00
Aug.	1.	Paid John Seitz, Jr., painting hall..	50.00
	6.	Paid John Seitz, Jr., painting hall..	50.00
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			\$200.00

ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

1914.

Mar.	12.	Paid Manchester T. L. & P. Co. for maintaining lights from February 1 to March 1, 1914.....	\$22.34
April	14.	Paid for lights from March 1 to April 1, 1914.....	22.34
June	13.	Paid for lights from April 1 to May 1, 1914.....	22.34
	10.	Paid for lights from June 1 to July 1, 1914.....	22.34
Aug.	1.	Paid for lights from July 1 to August 1, 1914.....	22.34
Sept.	1.	Paid for lights from August 1 to Sep- tember 1, 1914.....	22.34
Oct.	1.	Paid for lights from September 1 to October 1, 1914.....	22.34
Nov.	2.	Paid for lights from October 1 to No- vember 1, 1914.....	22.34
Dec.	8.	Paid for lights from November 1 to December 1, 1914.....	22.34

1915.			
Jan.	1.	Paid for lights from December 1 to January 1, 1915.....	\$22.34
Feb.	1.	Paid for lights from January 1 to February 1, 1915.....	22.34
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			\$245.74
Received from Mrs. N. E. Vincent for maintaining four lights.....			66.31
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			\$179.43

CEMETERY EXPENSES.

1914.			
May	5.	Paid Charles P. Woodbury, interest on Burseil, Moore, Damon, Townsend and one half Patten funds for 1913	\$22.21
Sept	1.	Paid Charles P. Woodbury, appropria- tion for new cemetery.....	15.00
		Paid Frances E. Woodbury, interest on Barr, Clark, Osgood funds and one half Patten fund.....	32.74
Nov.	2.	Paid Harry W. Peaslee, labor in Joppa cemetery	15.43
Feb.	15.	Paid Charles P. Woodbury, interest on Burseil, Moore, Damon, Townsend and one half Patten funds for 1914	22.21
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			\$167.59

PERSONS AIDED BY THE COUNTY.

1914.			
Mar.	17.	Paid Perham Parker for supplies furnished John McIntire for Feb., 1914	\$6.00
April	14.	Paid Perham Parker for supplies furnished John McIntire for March, 1914	6.00

May	1.	Paid Perham Parker for supplies furnished John McIntire for April, 1914	\$6.00
		Paid Frances E. Scott for board for four Fosher children from April 13 to May 1, 1914.....	18.00
June	1.	Paid Perham Parker for supplies furnished John McIntire for May, 1914	6.00
		Paid Dr. Joseph Taylor for medical attendance for Fosher children and attendance for Emerson Campbell..	2.50
	5.	Paid Frances E. Scott, for board of four Fosher children from May 1 to June 1, 1914.....	24.00
July	1.	Paid Austen J. Kearns, for goods furnished Emerson Campbell.....	12.00
	10.	Paid Frances E. Scott for board for four Fosher children from June 1 to June 29, 1914.....	24.00
Aug.	1.	Paid Frances E. Scott for board for Fosher children from June 29 to July 27, 1914.....	19.50
		Paid Fred A. French for goods furnished Artemy Sharkey, \$43.93: Albert Desrosiers, \$3.93.....	47.86
		Paid Perham Parker for goods furnished John McIntire for months of June and July, 1914.....	12.00
Sept.	25.	Paid Frances E. Scott for board for Fosher children from July 27 to August 24.....	18.00
Oct.	1.	Paid Perham Parker for goods furnished John McIntire for months of August and September, 1914.....	12.00
		Paid Frances E. Scott for board for Fosher children from August 24 to September 28, 1914.....	30.00

Oct.	16.	Paid F. A. French, goods furnished Artemy Sharkey.....	\$21.14
Nov.	2.	Paid Frances E. Scott for board for Foshier children from September 28 to October 26, 1914.....	24.00
		Paid Lamoureux Bros. for goods furnished Chesborough family.....	3.00
		Paid Dr. Joseph Taylor, medical attendance for Mrs. Joseph Currier..	14.00
	23.	Paid Mrs. Ernest Russell for board and care of Mrs. Joseph Currier....	14.00
Dec.	1.	Paid Frances E. Scott for board for Foshier children from October 26 to November 23, 1914.....	24.00
	8.	Paid Perham Parker for goods furnished John McIntire for months of October and November, 1914.....	12.00
1915.			
Jan.	1.	Paid Lamoureux Bros. for goods furnished Chesborough family.....	10.00
		Paid B. J. Mack for wood and coal furnished Chesborough family.....	8.38
		Paid Fred A. French, goods furnished Artemy Sharkey.....	32.69
	5.	Paid Frances E. Scott for board for Foshier children from November 23 to December 28, 1914.....	30.00
Feb.	1.	Paid Lamoureux Bros. for goods furnished Chesborough family.....	10.00
	13.	Paid Perham Parker for goods furnished John McIntire for month of December, 1914.....	6.00
		Paid Perham Parker for goods furnished John McIntire for month of January, 1915.....	6.00
		Paid Frances E. Scott for board for Foshier children from December 28, 1914, to February 1, 1915.....	30.00

Feb. 15.	Paid Lamoureux Bros., for goods furnished Chesborough family.....	\$4.00
	Paid B. J. Mack, coal for Chesborough family	4.38
	Paid Fred A. French, supplies for Joseph Currier.....	9.03
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		\$513.48
Received from the county.....		450.07
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Balance due from county.....		\$63.41

PERSONS AIDED BY THE TOWN.

1914.	Paid.	
Nov. 2.	Dr. Joseph Taylor, medical attendance for Clara Welch	\$10.00
1915.		
Jan. 1.	Frank R. Estabrook, aid to transients	1.50
Feb. 13.	Perham Parker, aid to transients...	6.85
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		\$18.35

SETTLEMENT OF ORREN GRAVES ESTATE.

1914.	Paid:	
May 1.	Dr. G. H. Greeley, for medical attendance	35.00
July 1.	Nashua Hospital association for board for Orren Graves, from Nov. 29 to Dec. 3, 1913	7.15
Aug. 6.	F. L. Wallace, for burial of Orren Graves	28.00
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		\$70.15
	Received from sale of personal property	\$44.20
	Total expense to town	25.95

TAX COLLECTOR'S ABATEMENTS, 1914.

Joseph P. Caldwell, soldier's exemption.....	\$14.50
Frances E. Woodbury, library building	10.15
George F. Barnard, discount on taxes.....	171.77

ABATEMENTS FOR 1913.

Perry A. Eaton, paid in Weare	\$1.42
Harold O. Webber, poll	1.42
Charles E. Gross, poll	1.42
Harry S. Rowell, poll	1.42
R. L. Nichols, poll	1.42
Wayland Walch, paid in conn.	1.42
Frank L. Beals, poll	1.42
George Welch	4.97

 \$211.33

ASSESSMENTS.

State tax	\$2,200.00
County tax	1,291.17
Town charges	1,500.00
State highway maintenance	1,500.00
Clock on church	15.00
New cemetery	75.00
Electric lights	200.00
Painting town hall	200.00
State aid road	1,549.00
Public library	90.36
Highway tax	2,584.31
School money:	
Raised by law	\$2,062.50
Extra school money	1,650.00
Tuition	450.00
Books and flags	235.00
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	\$4,397.50
Percentage	38.20
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	\$15,641.04

Polls. number 326, taxes, \$652.00.

ORDERS DRAWN.

Town officer's salaries	\$849.10
Incidentals	948.33
Highway expenses	2,167.47
Snow bills	565.93
Maintenance of state highway	1,500.00
Maintenance of state aid road	300.00
Building state aid road, 1914	1,853.50
Fire bills	251.27
Library	114.86
Electric lights	245.74
Cemetery expenses	167.59
Painting town hall	200.00
County charges	513.48
Persons aided by the town	88.50
Abatements	211.33
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	\$9,977.10

VALUATION.

Improved and unimproved land and build- ings	\$875,770.00
Horses, 431	48,150.00
Oxen, 8	805.00
Cows, 817	37,755.00
Other neat stock, 77	2,765.00
Sheep, 4	17.00
Hogs, 29	377.00
Fowls, 5408	4,027.40
Vehicles and automobiles, 163	12,795.00
Portable mills, 15	4,585.00
Wood, lumber, etc., not stock in trade	41,360.00
Stock in National Banks in this state	1,100.00
Money on hand	2,420.89
Stock in trade	1,800.00
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	\$1,033,727.29

Amount exempted to soldiers \$6,650.00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

FRANK E. MANNING,
FRANK R. ESTABROOK,
PERHAM PARKER,

Selectmen of Bedford.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM MELENDY,
WILLIAM B. FRENCH,
Auditors.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

(Year ending February 15, 1915.)

Received of treasurer February 15, 1914....	\$249.47
Received of George F. Barnard, collector:	
Due on tax 1913.....	2,155.57
Interest and not on list.....	69.16
Tax, 1914	12,852.45
Received of Fred A. French:	
Dog licenses	157.00
Histories	3.50
Use of scales.....	19.35
Received of Horace E. Webber (loan).....	1,500.00
Received of selectmen:	
Due from county.....	450.07
Highway department	219.13
Vincent money	66.31
Due from Estate of Orrin Graves.....	44.20
Advertising	15.00
Received of M. J. Driscoll, clerk of court:	
Due on fine	15.00
Received of Charles P. Woodbury:	
Cemetery lots.....	88.00
Received of George F. Barnard:	
Rent of hall	80.00
Received of state:	
Insurance tax	12.00
Railroad tax	632.13
Savings Bank tax	2,147.77
Literary Fund	153.12
Proportion of School Fund.....	283.34

Received of Amoskeag Savings Bank:

Interest on Chandler Fund	\$24.56
Damon Fund	8.19
Osgood Fund	4.09
Sarah H. Clark Fund	4.09
Parkhurst Fund	2.05
Clarke Fund	12.28
Bursiel Fund	4.09
Shepard Fund	8.19
Patten Fund	8.16
Barr Fund	12.28
Moore Fund	4.09
Walker Fund	4.09
Townsend Fund	2.05

\$21,310.78

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Paid orders drawn current year ending Feb.

15, 1915	\$9,977.10
State tax	2,200.00
County tax	1,291.17
Mary E. Manning, treasurer school board...	5,051.96
H. E. Webber (note)	1,500.00
Amoskeag National Bank, on note.....	1,000.00

\$21,020.23

ASSETS.

Due from collector (1914).....	\$2,577.33
Cash on hand	290.55

\$2,867.88

LIABILITIES.

Amoskeag National Bank note.....	\$4,000.00
Town officers' salaries (estimated).....	700.00
Dog money	157.00
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	\$4,857.00
Balance against town	\$1,989.12

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ERVIN R. FRENCH,

Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correct.

WILLIAM MELENDY,

WILLIAM B. FRENCH,

Auditors.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF NEW CEMETERY.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury.....	\$0.95
Appropriation of town.....	75.00
Interest on Trust fund, 1913.....	22.21
Interest on Trust fund, 1914.....	22.21
Interest on Swett fund.....	6.14
	<hr/> \$126.51

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for labor, Eugene Campbell.....	\$4.50
for labor, William Young.....	.87
for labor, Charles P. Woodbury.....	96.87
H. E. Walker for dressing.....	2.90
repairs on lawn mowers.....	1.70
for sharpening tools.....	.25
for one shovel.....	.65
Balance in treasury.....	18.77
	<hr/> \$126.51

LOTS IN CEMETERY.

Sold W. S. Manning, four lots.....	\$56.00
Ernest Jenkins, one lot.....	13.00
Bessie Russel, one lot.....	10.00
Received balance due on Clinton Adams lot.....	9.00
	<hr/> \$88.00

LOUIS GAULT,
CHARLES P. WOODBURY,
EDWARD P. FRENCH,
Trustees.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing report and find it correct.

WILLIAM MELENDY,
WM. B. FRENCH,
Auditors.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

(February 15, 1915.)

During the past year it has been necessary to have many of the books rebound, especially those of the juvenile department. About 300 books have been repaired, 125 at Temple & Farrington's in Manchester, and 175 have been mended by the librarian.

Total number of books:

In the library February 15, 1915.....	2,333
Added during past year.....	94
From town appropriation.....	27
From Mrs. and Miss Woodbury.....	21
From Mrs. Stella Hadden Alexander, Wellesley, Mass.	2
From E. Chadbourne, Manchester, N. H.....	30
From Fred Watson, Manchester, N. H.....	1
From James W. Hill, Manchester, N. H.....	1
From A. F. King.....	2

Magazines have been donated during the year by Willis B. Kendall, Manchester, N. H., and Miss Elizabeth Mattison of New York.

Total circulation for the year.....	2,208
Total circulation per month.....	184

The books given by Mr. Chadbourne are Memorial Addresses which have been given in the Senate and House of Representatives on the lives and character of some of our former presidents and statesmen, including Gen. Franklin Pierce, Hon. John C. Calhoun and Gen. Lew Wallace.

WM. B. FRENCH,
GEORGE H. WIGGIN,
ALLEN F. KING,
Trustees.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

1914.

Balance	\$31.66
From town	90.36
Chandler fund.....	24.50

 \$146.52

EXPENDITURES.

1915.

June 26. W. P. Goodman.....	\$31.56
Aug. 18. Minnie King.....	39.00
Oct. 2. Temple & Farrington.....	22.32

1915.

Jan. 19. W. P. Goodman.....	3.51
Feb. 1. G. H. Wiggin.....	13.00
18. Minnie King.....	36.50

 \$145.89

Balance on hand..... .63

W. B. FRENCH,

Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing report and find it correct.

WILLIAM MELENDY,

Auditor.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

(Year ending February 15, 1915.)

The annual district meeting was held March 6, 1914, in the town house. Mr. William Melendy was elected moderator, Mr. Edmund B. Hull clerk, and Miss Mary E. Manning treasurer for the ensuing year.

Miss Susie E. Burseil was elected a member of the school board for three years. She declined to serve, and Mr. Chester C. Rausch was elected to fill the vacancy till the next annual meeting. The board organized as follows: Mr. Arthur W. Davis, chairman; Mrs. Bertha E. French, purchasing agent; Mr. Chester C. Rausch, clerk. For the distribution of supplies, and for supervision, schools three, four, five and eleven were assigned to Mr. Davis, schools two, six and nine to Mrs. French, and schools, one, seven, eight and ten to Mr. Rausch.

At the beginning of the spring term there were but five pupils in number six school belonging in that district. Children in number seven district that were attending number one school made too many to be handled there to advantage. Number seven school was opened, number six transported to number seven and the congestion in number one relieved. It was necessary to open number six for the fall term to accommodate an increase in the number of children in that district and because they could not be transported cheaply. It has since remained open and for the first time since 1909 all the schools have been open at the same time.

It was necessary to close several of the schools during parts of terms on account of contagious diseases, but this

time, and all time lost for other causes, has been made up so far as it was practicable to do so. The experiment of adding a week to the spring vacation, carrying the term further into June to avoid the period of rain and mud, was tried and approved.

There is a considerable increase in the number of children kept out of school to work, interfering with the carrying out of the law which requires regular attendance at school and the progress of the pupil. It seems necessary to mention again the extreme lack of coöperation by parents in securing punctual and regular attendance. Aside from the fact that there is a moral and intellectual value to such acts, teaching the child habits of precision and affording uninterrupted study, there is a direct money value to the taxpayer, because it is the attendance which largely determines whether or not the town is entitled to state aid. A town having a large number of children in school a large number of days has a high average attendance. If this reaches a predetermined point the state remits a portion of the state tax, the amount being regulated by the value of all assessable property and the total tax rate per thousand on that valuation. The amount may run to several hundred dollars for a town with conditions as they are in Bedford. We failed by a very small margin to secure state aid last year.

The board finds it increasingly difficult to secure teachers able to conduct well a large ungraded school. Teachers with a Normal school training, or with several years of experience, will not come for less than twelve dollars a week. The cost of board has risen steadily and more attractive positions are available in larger towns and the cities. All of these things tend to keep the better teachers out of our reach. If our attendance is raised so that we secure state aid we are paid two dollars a week for every teacher who is a Normal school graduate (of any state) or who holds a state certificate (a possible \$792 for Bedford). The cost of supplies and fuel has increased and

many of the buildings, being old and in poor condition, require a never increasing outlay for minor repairs. All these things tend to increase the amount of school money called for.

An opportunity was embraced in August for forming a supervisory district consisting of the towns of Hopkinton, Weare and Bedford. Mr. Fred S. Libbey was chosen to begin his duties as superintendent with the fall term, at a salary of \$1700. One half of this sum is paid by the state from its general education fund and each of the three towns pays one-third of the remainder, or \$283.33 each. This is the only expense to the town save for a small item for stationery and messages. The superintendent pays his own transportation and other expenses and divides his time equally among the three towns, following no stated program, but distributing it wherever and for as long a time as conditions indicate is necessary.

The board feels that the results now making themselves felt in the more thorough and systematic work of the teachers and the very evident improvement in the discipline and work of the scholars, because of better grading and methods of teaching, indicate a real help to the children. The advantages of uniformity and systematic advance in a child's studies cannot be too strongly emphasized. The nature of these things will be made clear in the report of the superintendent.

At the close of the fiscal year there remained fourteen weeks more of school. In that time the results of the preliminary work of supervision will have been made more evident and so have prepared the way for still better work next year. We urge that patience be exercised and that another year under supervision be tried that the same beneficial results be obtained here that have eventually obtained in other towns where supervision has been given a fair trial and allowance made for such mistakes as ordinarily occur in any new work.

To avoid interference during a term by the introduction of a small child, unused to the ways of a school, and the hindrance that the necessary attention places upon the work of a teacher, the board voted to admit no child till after its sixth birthday and only at the beginning of the fall and spring terms.

During the year schools seven and eight have been painted outside and school nine thoroughly renovated inside. On schools eight, ten, five and four there is much to be done in the underpinning, and the southwest corner of number four and the south side of number two must be rebuilt. Schools one, two, four, five, six and eight need thorough renovating inside. The general condition of more than half the school-houses is bad and there is need for considerable necessary repair work in the very near future.

Your board feels that some steps should be taken to provide one school where grades seven and eight in a room by themselves, can have better training than they get when mingled with many lower grades. The experiment should be tried at once, in a small way, to determine the simplest and least expensive manner of conducting such a school and providing it with suitable quarters. The need for sending so many children to Manchester can be mostly eliminated if we furnish in our own town the instruction such children are entitled to have.

Below is an estimate of the money required for the ensuing year as required by law, the rolls of honor, the statistics and the treasurer's full report, as well as that of the superintendent of schools.

Respectfully submitted

ARTHUR W. DAVIS,
BERTHA E. FRENCH,
CHESTER C. RAUSCH,
School Board of Bedford.

Estimate of money, as required by law, for the year ending, February 15, 1916.

For high school tuition	\$550.00
text books and supplies	300.00
flags and appurtenances	10.00
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	\$860.00

ROLLS OF HONOR.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Winter Term—Clara Ramig, Robert Ramig, Mildred Dickey.

Spring Term—Clara Ramig, Freeman Shaw, Paul O'Brien, Robert Ramig, Gillis French.

Fall Term—Griggs Holbrook, Paul O'Brien, Robert Ramig, Freeman Shaw, Murdock Weathers, Clara Ramig, Gabrielle Desgroseilliers, Bernadette Desgroseilliers, Bernice Holbrook, June Weathers.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Winter Term—Blanche Gates, Alice Melendy, Oliver Gates, Walter Melendy, Walker Wiggin.

Fall Term—Ernest Jenkins, Rol Jenkins.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Spring Term—Alfred Dwire,

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Winter Term—Bernice E. Hilchey.

Spring Term—Bernice E. Hilchey.

Fall Term—Bernice E. Hilchey, Jane Porter.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Winter Term—Ora Bourque, Rhea Turcotte.

Spring Term—Cora Laforge, Geneva Laforge.

Fall Term—Ora Bourque.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Spring Term—Irma E. Cole.

Fall Term—John La Tulippe, Arthur La Tulippe.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Spring Term—Freddie Ramig, Ella Ramig, Florence Tarr.

Fall Term—Florence Tarr.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Winter Term—Henry Blood, Kenneth Parkhurst, Albert Philibert.

Spring Term—Henry Granz, Charles Hardy.

Fall Term—Henry Blood, Charles Hardy, Merrill Manning, Ivan Parkhurst, Kenneth Parkhurst.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Spring Term—Alice Sargent, Marion Sargent.

Fall Term—Everett Campbell, Hattie Campbell, Alice Sargent.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Winter Term—Paul Volkmann, Clara Volkmann, Ernestine Volkmann, Alice Lambert, Delia Thibadeau, Marion Atwood.

Spring Term—Paul Volkmann, Ernestine Volkmann, Clara Volkmann, Delia Pearsons, Margaret Hoffmann, Agnes Hoffmann.

Fall Term—William Lambert, Leo Lambert, Emiel Smith, Henry Smith, Paul Volkmann, Lillian Hoffmann, Margaret Hoffmann, Loretta Lambert, Laura Smith, Louise Smith, Clara Volkmann, Ernestine Volkmann.

STATISTICS

School	Term	Teacher	Wages per Month	Term in Weeks	Whole Number Pupils	Av. Daily Attendance	Per cent of Attendance	Number of Visitors
1	Winter	Helen L. George.....	34	13	33	21	80	31
	Spring	" " ".....	34	11	30	22	87	45
	Fall	Grace Sumner.....	44	12	27	24	99	49
2	Winter	Beatrice Lodge.....	32					
	"	Muriel Wyman.....	23	13	16	10	65	25
	Spring	Bertha Hood.....	42	11	16	14	93	27
3	Fall	Frances Cook.....	34	12	18	15	98	30
	Winter	Iva M. Hammond.....	32	12	5	4	92	13
	Spring	" " ".....	36	12	7	5	96	14
4	Fall	" " ".....	36	12	10	6	89	33
	Winter	Constance Taylor.....	32					
	"	Gyrta Bartlett.....	41	11	25	17	68	30
5	Spring	" " ".....	44	12	28	18	66	38
	Fall	Myra Colby	36	12	33	25	86	34
6	Winter	Edna Crane.....	40	12	22	17	78	18
	Spring	" " ".....	40	12	29	21	86	20
	Fall	Martha Tirrell.....	44	12	28	25	92	18
7	Winter	Myra Colby.....	28	12	5	4	85	27
	Spring	Marian Clark.....	34	12	13	9	97	24
	Fall	" " ".....						
8	Winter	Myra Colby.....	34	12	17	14	85	41
	Spring	Helen Roberts	32	12	12	11	94	21
	Fall	" " ".....						
9	Winter	Mrs. Nettie Tarr.. ..	36	12	8	6	88	19
	Spring	" " ".....	36	12	12	11	92	11
	Fall	" " ".....	36	12	10	8	88	11
10	Winter	Marian Clark.....	32	12	24	20	87	19
	Spring	" " ".....	34	12	22	19	89	24
	Fall	Hazel Hill.....	16	12	21	18	93	26
11	Winter	Ruth Ackerman.....	32	12	8	5	68	10
	Spring	Amy Putnam.....	34	12	7	6	92	37
	Fall	" " ".....	34	12	9	8	93	29
12	Winter	Bessie L. Gage.....	44	12	22	19	89	6
	Spring	" " ".....	44	12	23	19	89	21
	Fall	" " ".....	44					
13	Winter	Bertha E. Cox	36	12	24	22	95	9
	Spring	" " ".....						
	Fall	" " ".....						

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

SPRING TERM.

Paid teachers:

Helen L. George, No. 1 school, 12 weeks.....	\$102.00
Bertha E. Hood, No. 2 school, 11 weeks.....	115.50
Iva M. Hammond, No. 3 school, 12 weeks.....	108.00
Gyrta Bartlett, No. 4 school, 11 4-5 weeks.....	129.80
Edna M. Crane, No. 5 school, 12 weeks.....	120.00
Myra B. Colby, No. 7 school, 1 week.....	102.00
Nettie T. Tarr, No. 8 school, 12 weeks.....	108.00
Marian M. Clark, No. 9 school, 12 weeks.....	102.00
Amy L. Putnum, No. 10 school, 12 weeks.....	102.00
Bessie L. Gage, No. 11 school, 12 weeks.....	132.00

 \$1,121.30

FALL TERM.

Paid teachers:

Grace R. Summer, No. 1 school, 12 weeks.....	\$132.00
Frances J. Cook, No. 2 school, 12 weeks.....	102.00
Iva M. Hammond, No. 3 school, 12 weeks.....	108.00
Myra B. Colby, No. 4 school, 12 weeks.....	108.00
Martha J. Tirrell, No. 5 school, 12 weeks.....	132.00
Marian M. Clark, No. 6 school, 12 weeks.....	102.00
Helen P. Roberts, No. 7 school, 12 weeks.....	96.00
Nettie T. Tarr, No. 8 school, 12 weeks.....	108.00
Hazel E. Hill, No. 9 school, 12 weeks.....	108.00
Amy L. Putnum, No. 10 school, 12 weeks.....	102.00
Bessie L. Gage, No. 11 school, 1 9-10 weeks.....	20.90
Bertha E. Cox, No. 11 school, 10 weeks.....	90.00

 \$1,208.90

WINTER TERM.

Paid teachers:

Blanche C. Fortin, No. 1 school, 9 weeks.....	\$99.00
Edith Wilson, No. 2 school, 6 weeks.....	66.00
Maude Robertson, No. 2 school, 3 weeks.....	30.00
Beatrice Cheever, No. 3 school, 9 weeks.....	72.00
Iva M. Hammond, No. 4 school, 9 weeks.....	90.00
Martha J. Tirrell, No. 5 school, 9 weeks.....	99.00
Marian M. Clark, No. 6 school, 9 weeks.....	76.50
Helen P. Roberts, No. 7 school, 9 weeks.....	72.00
Nettie T. Tarr, No. 8 school, 9 weeks.....	81.00
Ida M. Hudson, No. 9 school, 9 weeks.....	81.00
Grace R. Sumner, No. 10, school, 9 weeks.....	81.00
Bertha E. Cox, No. 11 school, 7 2-5 weeks.....	66.60

 \$914.10

Paid amount due teachers, winter term, 1913-14 \$272.00

 \$3.516.30

FUEL.

Paid F. S. Sargent, No. 6.....	\$2.00
G. O. Spencer, No. 8.....	5.50
W. S. Manning, Nos. 1, 2 and 9.....	43.50
G. F. Shepard, No. 10.....	2.50
W. S. Manning, Nos. 1 and 9.....	36.00
G. F. Shepard, Nos. 9 and 10.....	5.00
G. O. Spencer, Nos. 6, 7 and 8.....	31.50
W. S. Manning, No. 8.....	8.25
J. H. Parkhurst, Nos. 1 and 10.....	22.00
J. M. Hodgman, Nos. 2, 5 and 11.....	54.00
F. Holmberg, Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 11.....	8.00
J. F. Young	30.00
C. A. Tarr, No. 7.....	1.50
A. W. Davis, cash paid.....	4.00

 \$253.75

SCHOOLHOUSES.

Appropriation for repairs		\$250.00
Paid L. A. Faucher, labor, No. 10...	\$1.50	
J. B. Varick Co., brush and slat-		
ing	3.40	
E. E. Bullard, labor, etc. No. 1..	2.75	
W. Side Lumber Co., lumber		
and shingles, Nos. 5 and 7...	40.93	
Superior Seating Co., slate		
blackboard, No. 1	4.08	
Joel S. Daniels, paint supplies,		
No. 7	4.01	
J. F. Gove, labor and lumber,		
Nos. 5 and 7	9.00	
C. P. Woodbury:		
Labor, Nos. 7 and 8	\$34.93	
paint, etc.	4.18	
	<hr/>	39.11
H. E. Webber:		
Labor, Nos. 1, 6, 7,		
and 8	\$39.81	
Paint, hardware,		
lumber, etc.	32.75	
	<hr/>	72.56
B. E. Bullard, glazing, No. 1...	.60	
Wm. Melendy, curtain, glazing,		
No. 2	1.00	
W. Side Lumber Co., lumber,		
No. 9	35.82	
Superior Seating Co., slate		
blackboard, No. 9.....	13.14	
H. J. Lawson, gal. iron, labor,		
etc., No. 9	23.34	
H. E. Webber, labor		
No. 9	\$25.87	
Paint, nails, etc. ...	6.35	
	<hr/>	\$32.22

Paid C. C. Rausch, labor		
No. 9	\$40.62	
Wall paper, lumber		
paint supplies,		
hardware, etc. ...	16.54	
Team	1.00	
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	58.16	
Cr. by old floor boards, etc.	1.65	
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	\$56.51	
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	\$339.97	
Drawn from school funds.....		\$89.97
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		\$339.97

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Geo. D. Fitts, school order, re-	
ceipt books and stationery..	\$1.63
J. A. Williams, printing labels..	2.25
Temple & Farrington, letter	
heads	2.50
Bertha E. French, freight.....	1.44
A. W. Davis, express.....	1.43
E. A. Porter & Son, grading	
No. 4	11.60
Wm. Currie, grading No. 1....	2.60
Peter Villeneuve, grading No.	
11	4.50
C. C. Rausch, teaming, labor,	
etc. Nos. 5 and 7.....	5.75
C. A. Hoitt Co., supplies No. 7	2.80
A. J. McKelvie, 2 elbows.....	.50
C. C. Rausch, freight, postage,	
labor, etc.	3.03

Paid A. W. Davis, broom, pail, labor, express, postage, etc.	\$7.69
C. C. Rausch, telephone, post- age, labor, flagropes, lumber, etc.	12.89
F. M. Rich, teachers' registry..	1.40
C. A. Hoitt Co., office table....	9.75
J. B. Varick Co., cooler, pail, basin, etc.	2.50
A. J. McKelvie, stove supplies, etc.	4.80
A. W. Davis, enumer- ation pupils \$10.00	
Express, glass, la- bor, etc.	2.87
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F. A. French, brooms, pails, glass, etc.	10.22
J. B. Varick Co., pails, glass, etc.	7.00
Mary E. Manning, postage, etc..	4.78
Bertha E. French, express, tele- phone	4.40
A. W. Davis, telephone, labor Nos. 3, 4 and 6	5.55
C. P. Woodbury, glazing, etc. Nos. 5 and 6	2.44
Paid J. B. Varick Co., thermometers..	\$2.70
Alex. Brooks, cleaning vault, No. 5.....	1.00
Cleaning school rooms:	
Mrs. Jeanette Camp- bell, Nos. 1, 3, 4, 7 and 10.....	\$15.00
Mrs. Ada Campbell, No. 9.....	3.00
Mrs. Alex. Brooks, No. 5.....	3.00

Paid May Lawrence, No. 8	\$3.00	
Everett Gage, Nos. 2		
and 11.....	6.00	
Repairs	1.45	
	<hr/>	\$31.45
C. H. Clark, transportation No.		
6 pupils to No. 7, spring term		72.00
tuition of two pupils, No. 6,		
spring term.....		11.70
Janitors:		
Winter term, 1913-14	\$26.50	
Spring term, 1914..	20.00	
Fall term, 1914.....	22.00	
	<hr/>	68.50
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		\$313.67

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION.

Appropriation		\$450.00
Paid Manchester High School:		
Spring term, 1 pupil.....	\$11.58	
Fall term, 6 pupils.....	94.74	
Winter term, 6 pupils.....	75.78	
McGaw Normal Institute:		
Spring term, 6 pupils.....	60.00	
Fall term, 3 pupils.....	42.00	
Winter term, 3 pupils.....	39.00	
Colby Academy, New London, 2		
pupils, 3 terms each.....	80.00	
Pinkerton Academy, Derry, 1		
pupil, 3 terms.....	39.00	
	<hr/>	\$442.10
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Balance unexpended.....		\$7.90

SCHOOL OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Appropriation	\$200.00
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SUPPLEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Board of the Town of Bedford:

My work as superintendent of schools for the five months past has principally been that of organization and systematization. This necessarily has been a slow process, and the results cannot so readily be seen now as they should be a few months later.

I found the schools of Bedford as good as the average country schools, but like that average, there was lacking any systematized organization of the work. Each school was doing its work in accordance with the individual notions of the teacher in charge. Some of these notions were good, many of them bad.

The grading was very unreliable and unsystematic in every school where the teacher had not served in that school at least two years.

This is a common fault, resulting from change of teachers in schools not under supervision.

The teaching in most cases I found sadly in need of helpful suggestion and guidance.

I have attempted to suggest ways of teaching various subjects that I know to be in accord with up-to-date and accepted methods. This does not mean that I have tried to change the teacher over, but her methods only. The teacher who takes the superintendent's suggestions and attempts to carry them out in his way instead of hers, thereby losing her individuality, is a failure sooner or later.

To correcting the faults mentioned above I have directed my efforts. I believe there is a decided improvement in

your schools in these respects at least, as well as in many minor days, like proper attention to light; eye strain; neatness of room, and so far as possible, without proper ventilation, better air and more even temperature in the rooms.

The improvement which must result from better methods of teaching is something that from the very nature of the case we must necessarily wait for. It is a gradual growth, and we must wait for the development.

I have made 96 visits to the various schools in the twenty-two weeks they have been in session since September. This does not mean that I have visited all the schools an equal number of times. Some schools have needed my attention more than others and in consequence have received more visits.

We have been unfortunate in the choice of a few of our teachers. I have found you very prompt in rectifying mistakes made when convinced of them.

At the present time, however, the teachers are doing the best work of the year, and I regret the interruption of the vacation. I feel that the Bedford schools have taken a decided step forward and that they are now approximating satisfactory progress.

I have been a little discouraged at times. I am not now.

Of course the schools of Bedford can be better; they will be better even under existing conditions, but better conditions will very much hasten the day when they will be better schools. What are some of the better conditions necessary? I am certain that Bedford is maintaining too many schools, more than any other town of the state of the same size.

I am just as certain that we could have better schools if we had fewer.

I believe that the town should plan for a central graded school; that the seventh and eighth grades should be maintained at that center with a teacher trained in just those grades of work. In other words that we employ a seventh and eighth grade specialist. In another room in the same

or another building provision should be made for the remaining grades made up from those pupils now in the district selected for the center, and from those that it may seem best to bring there.

Then the remaining schools should be wisely consolidated into not more than five.

Bedford is running eleven schools, when six could do the work better. Is that good business? Would any man or business concern hire eleven men to do work that six could do better? Why not put the schools on a business basis?

We could thus secure better teachers. Definite grade teaching is much more attractive to teachers than mixed grades. Then again teachers could be hired for the work they have specialized in. Could there be any doubt that results obtained by such teachers must be superior to those obtained by the average teacher having five, six, seven or eight grades as our present teachers do?

I trust that the town of Bedford will feel to take this progressive step and authorize you to act as may seem best for the highest good of the children of the town.

It is one of my duties as your superintendent to guard the physical, as well as mental welfare of the children of the schools. I should therefore sadly neglect my duty if I failed to call your attention to the condition of some of the school buildings. The modern requirement of a satisfactory school room is; that it shall be well lighted, well heated, well ventilated, neat, clean and otherwise sanitary. At least five of the school buildings in Bedford would not stand this test. To make them even passably acceptable as proper school rooms will require a large expenditure of money.

If the "Morrill Bill" so called, for the better sanitation of school houses, passes the state senate as it already has passed the house, you may find yourselves in the midst of the school year obliged to close some of your school buildings until they are properly prepared. Would it not be better

policy to make such expenditure upon the few buildings that it seemed best to open, to carry out the plan of consolidation mentioned above, as would fit them to satisfactorily meet the law's requirements, rather than to attempt to "patch" all the buildings that unquestionably need much repairing?

Your attention has already been called to the seriousness of the matter of irregular attendance, and I have no doubt you will treat of the matter in your report.

The supply of text-books is very inadequate. It is imperative that a considerable sum be expended for regular text-books this next year, and much more for supplementary books. Without the latter the teachers cannot do the effective teaching I am asking them to do.

I would recommend that the old double seats gradually be consigned to the wood pile, and that new seats whenever purchased, be single and adjustable.

I would further recommend that you adopt the policy of gradually replacing the old wooden blackboards with slate; for the reason that the painted blackboard at its best, is not satisfactory nor economical; that the light reflection from the painted surface is more injurious to the eyes than that from the slate, and that the slate is far more durable.

I trust that my suggestions will be received in the spirit they are intended. I have no other purpose in making them, than to secure what I feel is for the best good of the children of Bedford. To ask for less than that would not meet the approval of the thinking people of the town.

I desire to testify of the courtesy with which I have been treated by every member of the board, and of the cordiality received from the citizens in general.

F. S. LIBBEY,
Superintendent.

Paid members of school board

A. W. Davis.....	\$40.00	
Bertha E. French.....	36.00	
C. C. Rausch.....	40.00	
Mary E. Manning, treasurer...	15.00	
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		\$131.00
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		\$69.00

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Balance appropriation, 1911.....	\$178.00	
Paid F. S. Libbey for 3 months.....	140.00	
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		\$38.00
Received from state to August 31, 1915.....	\$283.34	
Paid F. S. Libbey for 3 months.....	143.33	
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		\$140.01

TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Appropriation		\$225.00
Paid American Book Co.....	\$38.40	
Ginn & Co.....	8.64	
Silver, Burdette & Co.....	16.32	
E. E. Babb & Co.....	6.94	
E. E. Babb & Co.....	47.35	
Silver, Burdette & Co.....	12.10	
E. E. Babb & Co.....	1.92	
American Book Co.....	5.76	
E. E. Babb & Co.....	9.10	
E. E. Babb & Co.....	11.50	
E. E. Babb & Co.....	11.89	
E. E. Babb & Co.....	2.14	
E. E. Babb & Co.....	18.61	
Richard R. Clough, report cards	1.75	
Manchester school department,		
pencils	14.00	
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		206.42
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Balance unexpended.....		\$18.58
Four Bedford		

SUMMARY.

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1914.....		\$879.90
Received by law	\$2,062.50	
extra	1,200.00	
for repairs	250.00	
officers' salaries	200.00	
High school tuition	450.00	
books and supplies	225.00	
for flags	10.00	
dog licenses	218.00	
literary fund	153.12	
from state for Supt's salary	283.34	
from No. 1 school toward		
slate blackboard	2.68	
	<hr/>	\$5,054.64
Amount of school funds for year.....		\$5,934.54

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' salaries	\$3,516.30
High school tuition	442.10
Free text-books	85.66
Scholars' supplies	117.16
Maps	3.60
School board salaries	116.00
School treasurer	15.00
Superintendent of schools	283.33
Enumeration of pupils	10.00
Janitors	68.50
Fuel	253.75
Repairs	339.97
Miscellaneous	235.17
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	\$5,486.54
Balance on hand February 15, 1915.....	448.00
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	\$5,934.54

Balance on hand February 15, 1915.....	\$448.00
Amount due teachers, winter term . . .	\$201.20
Amount due janitors, winter term... .	33.00
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	\$234.20
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	\$213.80
Advanced by state for Supt's salary to August 31, 1915	140.00
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Balance school funds at close of winter term....	\$73.80

Respectfully submitted,
 MARY E. MANNING,
Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing
 account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched

WILLIAM MELENDY,
 WILLIAM B. FRENCH,
Auditors.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BEDFORD

Date of marriage.	Place of marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age in yrs.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.
Jan. 21	Manchester..	Henry Brown Etta Wyatt	Bedford Goffstown	53 52	Farmer Housekeeper
Feb. 24	Manchester..	Dan. B. Leary Jeanette G. O'Neill.....	Manchester ... Bedford	39 26	Chauffeur
June 22	Manchester..	Quincy John Caldwell.. Mary Elizabeth Adams.	Bedford Manchester ...	31 26	Farmer
July 2	Manchester..	George Henry Hardy.... Clara May Blood.....	Bedford Bedford	39 28	Farmer Housekeeper
Aug. 5	Manchester..	Walter Louis Brummer.. Rose Mabel Brendle....	Bedford Manchester ...	26 27	Engraver
Aug. 17	Manchester..	George W. Miller..... Maria Hamel	Bedford Bedford	22 18	Farmer Housework
Sept. 7	Manchester..	Michael Grady Rose Eva Latulippe....	Manchester ... Bedford	21 21	Loom fixer
Sept. 15	Manchester..	Arthur G. Archambeault Rubina Beaudin	Manchester ... Bedford	23 17	Manager
Nov. 4	Manchester..	Edward C. Germain.... Rose Soucy	Bedford Manchester ...	51 55	Farmer

I hereby certify that the above is correct to the best of my knowledge

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1914.

Place of Birth of each.	Name of Parents.	Birthplace of parents.	No. of mar- riage.	Name, residence and official station of person by whom married.
Hooksett	Samuel Brown	Manchester	3	George B. N. Dow, Justice of the Peace. Manchester.
Manchester	Elizabeth Butters...	Dunbarton		
.....	Martin V. B. Wyman	Goffstown	3	Henry A. Laxson, Justice of the Peace. Manchester.
.....	Emily J. Holt.....	Manchester		
Brasher, N. Y.	John Leary	Ireland	1	David Frasier, Cong'l Clergyman. Manchester.
Manchester	Mary Collins	Ireland	1	
.....	James Manseur	Canada	2	Nathaniel L. Colby, Baptist Minister. Manchester.
.....	Malvina Daniels	Vermont		
.....	Geo. Q. Caldwell....	New Boston	1	John Kamm, Minister. Manchester.
Bedford	Mary A. Whittemore	New York		
Manchester	Henry Adams	Winchester	1	Francis X. Leclair, Catholic Clergyman. Manchester.
.....	Elizabeth Ward	Scotland		
.....	Rodney F. Hardy...	Hooksett	2	Francis X. Leclair, Catholic Clergyman. Manchester.
Amoskeag	Judith A. Gilmore...	Goffstown		
Bedford	Newman J. Blood...	Merrimack	1	Francis X. Leclair, Catholic Clergyman. Manchester.
.....	Cynthia A. French...	Merrimack		
.....	Herman L. Brummer	Germany	1	Howard C. Whitcomb, Baptist Minister. Manchester.
Germany	Fannie T. Pahner...	Germany		
Manchester	Frank J. Brendle...	Germany	1	Francis X. Leclair, Catholic Clergyman. Manchester.
.....	Ida Hallbauer	Germany		
.....	Fred Miller	Vermont	1	Francis X. Leclair, Catholic Clergyman. Manchester.
Northfield, Vt.	Della Vian	Vermont		
Bedford, Me.	Louis Hamel	Canada	1	Francis X. Leclair, Catholic Clergyman. Manchester.
.....	Elizabeth Henri	Canada		
Ireland	John Grady	Ireland	1	Francis X. Leclair, Catholic Clergyman. Manchester.
Vermont	Mary Gallagher	Ireland		
.....	George Latulippe ..	Canada	1	Howard C. Whitcomb, Baptist Minister. Manchester.
.....	Genevieve Couture ..	Canada		
.....	Jos. Archambeault..	Canada	1	Howard C. Whitcomb, Baptist Minister. Manchester.
Manchester	Adaline Sequin	Canada		
Canada	Joseph Beaudin	Canada	1	Howard C. Whitcomb, Baptist Minister. Manchester.
.....	Josephine Duval	Canada		
.....	Peter Germain	Canada	2	Howard C. Whitcomb, Baptist Minister. Manchester.
Vermont	Margaret Barton ..	England		
Canada	Jean Lamore	Canada	2	Howard C. Whitcomb, Baptist Minister. Manchester.
.....	Rose Beaudoin	Canada		

and belief.

FRED A. FRENCH,

Town Clerk.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BEDFORD

Date of birth.	Name of the Child (if any).	Sex and Condition			Age of father.	Age of mother	Name of Father.
		Male or female.	Living or stillborn.	No. of child.			
Jan. 26	— Lambert	F	S	11	46	36	H. Lambert
Feb. 15	Harland P. Spooner	M	L	8	45	34	Porter P. Spooner.....
Feb. 20	Jos. D. A. Damon.	M	L	6	28	30	Joseph Damon
May 8	— Nault	M	L	3	26	21	Louis Nault
June 6	Marie B. Pruneau.	F	L	10	41	40	Nelson Pruneau
June 28	Marie I. Provanchee	F	L	3	35	37	Nestor Provanchee
July 11	Gladys L. Artz.....	F	L	6	31	35	Richard T. Artz.....
July 15	Alford Marion	M	S	1	22	17	Alford Marion
July 20	Sam'l R. Langevin	M	L	11	40	38	Fred Langevin
July 26	Annie Marie I. Desgroseilliers	F	L	12	42	39	Narcisse Desgroseilliers
July 31	Alf. Jos. Lanoie....	M	L	3	33	27	Adelard Lanoie
Aug. 4	Natalie E. Faucher	F	L	1	24	29	Louis A. Faucher.....
Oct. 25	Vera M. Currie....	F	L	3	33	22	Joseph Curry
Nov. 14	Mary E. Choimere.	F	L	..	24	27	Baptiste Choimere

I hereby certify that the above birth record is correct to the best of

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1914.

Name of Mother.	Residence of parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
Malenia Simard	Bedford	Farmer	Canada	Canada.
Emma F. Goodale...	Bedford	Teamster	Newport	Bennington.
Exilda Duferron	Bedford	Plasterer	Canada	Canada.
Maria Taylor.....	Bedford	Laborer	Canada	Saratoga, N. Y.
Delia Cole	Bedford	Teamster	Canada	Canada.
Lydia Duferron	Bedford	Plasterer	Canada	Canada.
Milivina Gross	Bedford	Laborer	Manchester	Germany.
Ida Dion	Bedford	Farmer	Bedford	N. Chelmsford, Mass.
Emma Montbleau ..	Bedford	Farmer	Canada	Canada.
Marie Dallaire	Bedford	Farmer	Canada	Canada.
Cordelia Pellerin ...	Bedford	Shoemaker	Canada	Manchester.
Almira Petit	Bedford	Farmer	Manchester	Canada.
Mabel Sloss	Bedford	Chopper	Virginia	Pennsylvania.
Corinne Marion	Bedford	Laborer	Canada	Manchester.

my knowledge and belief.

FRED A. FRENCH,

Town Clerk.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF BEDFORD

Date of death.		Name and Surname of deceased.	Age.			Place of birth.	Sex.	Single, married or widowed.	Disease or Cause of Death.
			Years.	Mos.	Days.				
Jan.	5	Alfred A. Rollins..	93	8	17	Antrim	M	W	Broncho pneumonia.
Jan.	21	Farnham Jenkins..	83	1	19	Andover .. (Mass.)	M	W	Gangrene
Jan.	24	Robt. B. McPherson	74	3	6	Bedford	M	D	Bronchitis
Jan.	26	Inf. of H. Lambert	..	..	..	Bedford	F	S	Stillborn
Jan.	29	Harr't F. Fullerton	76	8	9	Bedford	F	W	Pneumonia
Feb.	12	Eddy W. Stevens..	60	10	19	Manchester..	M	M	Locomotor ataxia ...
Feb.	14	Orren L. Graves...	57	11	..	Canada	M	..	Phthisis
Feb.	19	Harold B. Wallace.	22	11	4	Manchester..	M	S	Phthisis
Feb.	22	Henry P. Taffe.....	57	8	20	Bedford	M	W	Apoplexy, paralysis.
Mar.	5	Soloman Manning.	82	6	3	Bedford	M	M	Cerebral hemorrhage
Mar.	19	Herbert McDole...	20	6	15	Bedford	M	S	Pulm'ry tuberculosis
Apr.	14	Elmer E. Bullard.	67	3	17	Magog, P. Q.	M	M	Pneumonia
Apr.	18	Oscar Welch	28	1	6	Bedford	M	M	Tuberculosis
May	1	Germaine Chaput...	1	4	29	Bedford	F	S	Pneumonia
May	2	Ivet Morin .....	..	7	25	Bedford	F	S	Pneumonia
May	8	Inf. of Louis Nault	..	..	..	Bedford	M	S	Premature birth....
May	12	Jessie Taylor	18	5	24	Canada	F	S	Tuberculosis
May	22	Frank H. Brown...	82	9	19	Maine	M	W	Arterio sclerosis....
June	24	Eliz'b'h M. Jenkins	4	10	17	Bedford	F	S	Anaemia
July	1	Alb'rtine A. Hebert	27	6	1	Manchester..	F	M	Nephritis
July	15	Inf. of Alf. Marion	..	..	..	Bedford	M	S	Stillborn
July	19	John J. Currie.....	55	..	..	Scotland	M	M	Pneumonia
July	31	Silas Campbell	78	9	1	Bedford	M	W	Apoplexy
Aug.	14	Edna Ann Martin...	2	3	18	Newbury	F	S	Convulsions
Aug.	15	Marianne I. Des- groseilliers .....	..	..	21	Bedford	F	S	Cholera infantum...
Aug.	16	Beatrice Pruneau...	..	2	10	Bedford	F	S	Cholera infantum...
Aug.	20	Daniel W. Eaton...	70	..	..	.....	M	W	Cerebral hemorrhage
Aug.	24	Frances P. Bailey.	73	3	..	Bedford	F	M	Heart trouble
Sept.	1	Martha J. Adams...	53	2	9	Merrimack...	F	M	Indigestion
Sept.	8	Angia Dora Dutton	45	5	6	Hudson	F	W	Septic infection
Sept.	13	Gilman D. Moore...	76	6	..	Bedford	F	W	Uremia
Sept.	16	Charles G. Ramig...	78	4	7	Germany	M	M	Cerebral hemorrhage
Sept.	28	Gilman H. Moore...	80	11	15	Bedford	M	W	Angina pectoris
Oct.	1	Charles H. Clapp...	69	5	26	Maine	M	M	Aorti-aneuryem
Nov.	26	Henry Dwyer	57	..	24	Vermont	M	D	Hemorrhage
Nov.	16	Elsie May Colby...	2	4	6	Manchester..	F	S	Indigestion and con- vulsions
Dec.	13	Isaac P. Hodgman.	98	4	9	Amherst	M	W	Old age

I hereby certify that the above is correct to the best of my knowledge

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1914.

Occupation.	Place of birth of father.	Place of birth of mother.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
Farmer	Salem		Benjamin Rollins	
Farmer	Mass.	Mass.	Samuel Jenkins	Mary Carlton.
Farmer	Bedford	Goffstown ..	Wm. McD. McPherson..	Clarissa Richardson.
.....	Canada	Canada	Hormidas Lambert.....	Milina Simard.
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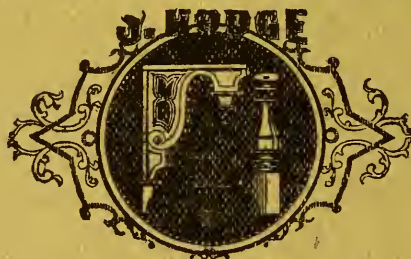
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